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H. R. 3618

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a grant to a qualified youth-serving organization for recruiting and preparing students for careers and volunteer opportunities as health care professionals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself and Ms. GRANGER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Schools and
5 Health Care Professional Pipeline Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECRUITING AND PREPARING HEALTH CARE PRO-**
2 **FESSIONALS.**

3 Title XXVIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300hhb et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 2814 as section
6 2815; and

7 (2) by inserting after section 2813 the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“SEC. 2814. RECRUITING AND PREPARING HEALTH CARE**
10 **PROFESSIONALS.**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to re-
12 cruit and prepare more than 500,000 students in sec-
13 ondary schools, institutions of higher education, and con-
14 tinuing education programs for careers as health care pro-
15 fessionals by the year 2012, including volunteer opportuni-
16 ties in the Medical Reserve Corps under section 2813.

17 “(b) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PIPELINE
18 GRANT.—The Secretary shall make a grant to a qualified
19 youth serving organization for establishing and expanding
20 emergency preparedness pipelines consisting of—

21 “(1) health science curricula in secondary
22 schools, institutions of higher education, and con-
23 tinuing education programs that prepare students
24 for careers as health care professionals; and

25 “(2) school-based emergency preparedness
26 chapters described in subsection (c).

1 “(c) SCHOOL-BASED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
 2 CHAPTERS.—A school-based emergency preparedness
 3 chapter described in this subsection must meet each of the
 4 following:

5 “(1) The chapter is administered by a qualified
 6 youth-serving organization.

7 “(2) The chapter recruits and prepares stu-
 8 dents for Federal, State, community, and school
 9 public health emergencies under the administration
 10 of a qualified youth serving organization.

11 “(3) The emergency preparedness training of
 12 the chapter—

13 “(A) is implemented uniformly;

14 “(B) is coordinated with and integrated
 15 into the health science curriculum of the school
 16 involved; and

17 “(C) is provided through certified health
 18 science instructors serving as chapter advisors.

19 “(d) NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.—

20 “(1) GRANTS.—Each year, the Secretary shall
 21 make a grant to a qualified youth-serving organiza-
 22 tion to conduct a national leadership conference.

23 “(2) PARTICIPANTS.—A national leadership
 24 conference funded through a grant under this sub-
 25 section shall include representatives of—

1 “(A) health science programs in secondary
2 schools, institutions of higher education, and
3 continuing education programs;

4 “(B) school-based emergency preparedness
5 chapters; and

6 “(C) the Medical Reserve Corps under sec-
7 tion 2813.

8 “(3) ACTIVITIES.—The activities of a national
9 leadership conference funded through a grant under
10 this subsection shall include general sessions, work-
11 shops, competitive events (including at least 5
12 knowledge- and skill-based demonstrations), and a
13 recognition program.

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘institution of higher education’
16 has the meaning given to that term in section 101
17 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

18 “(2) The term ‘qualified youth-serving organi-
19 zation’ means a nonprofit organization that—

20 “(A) prepares youth exclusively for career
21 entry and advancement opportunities in the
22 health professions, including the Public Health
23 Service;

24 “(B) offers a national recognition and
25 competitive events program in which students

1 in school-based emergency preparedness chap-
2 ters and chapter members can demonstrate
3 their knowledge and skills in responding to pub-
4 lic health emergencies;

5 “(C) operates at least 2,500 such chapters;
6 and

7 “(D) operates in at least 40 States.

8 “(3) The term ‘school-based emergency pre-
9 paredness chapter’ means a school-based emergency
10 chapter funded through a grant under subsection
11 (b)(2).

12 “(4) The term ‘secondary school’ has the mean-
13 ing given to such term in section 9101 of the Ele-
14 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

15 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
16 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
17 priated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums
18 as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”.

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